

GRAUSTARK

#179

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1968J

"1909"

ENGLAND CONQUERS!

Hugh Anderson, playing England, swept to triumph in the Fall of 1909. The "Spring" moves were delayed in publication; owing to the possibility that one of the players might have had his moves delayed by the weather. However, no moves came and the "Spring 1909" moves were sent to all players by carbon copy on 24 February. They were:

ENGLAND (H. Andersen): A Yor, A Mun, & A Mar hold; A Norway-St.P; F Liv S A Norway-St.P; F Pru & F Bal S F Liv; A Ber S F Pru; A Kie & A Bur S A Mun; F Wes-Tun; F North Africa S F Wes-Tun; F Tyr-Ion; F Mid-Spa(s.c.); F Eng-Mid; F Lon-Eng.

ITALY (Gemignani): A Pie holds; A Boh-Tyr; F Tus-Tyr; A Alb-Ser; F Rom-Tus.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Iatimer): No moves received. A Mos, A War, A Sil, A Vie, A Rum, A Tri, & F Alb hold.

TURKEY (White): A Con & A Sev hold; F Smy-Aeg; F Aeg-Ion; F Nap S F Aeg-Ion.

Underlined moves are not possible. "Fall 1909" moves are:

ENGLAND: F Mid-Par; A Yor, A Mun, A Mar, A Norway, F Livonia, F Pru, F Bal, F Tun, F North Africa, F Tyr, F Spa(s.c.) & F Eng hold; A Bur, A Kie, & A Ber S A Mun.

ITALY: A Pie & F Rom hold; A Tyr-Tri; F Tus-Ion; A Ser-Gre.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: No moves received. A Mos, A War, A Sil, A Vie, A Rum, A Tri, & F Alb hold.

TURKEY: F Aeg-Gre; F Ion S F Aeg-Gre; F Nap S F Ion; A Con-Bul; A Sev-Rum.

Underlined moves are not possible. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Bel, Ber, Bre, Don,	ITALY: Rom, Ser, Ven, (3)
Edi, Hol, Kie, Liv, Lon,	AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Gre, Mos, Rum,
Mar, Mun, Nor, Par, Par,	Tri, Vie, War, (7)
St.P, Spa, Swe, Tun. (18)	TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Con, Nap, Sev,
	Smy. (6)

Since England now has 18 supply centers, and can clearly build the 2 new units gained, it has won the war. Hugh Anderson thus reaps the rewards of diligence in a game particularly plagued by missed moves and drop-out players. In 1968J Germany, Russia, Italy, and Turkey changed hands, and others also missed critical moves.

This is the first GRAUSTARK game not to end in a draw since 9 September 1967, when Jerry Pournelle as Turkey won 1966B in "Fall 1912". (See GRAUSTARK #138.) Since 1966B was taken over from Costa-guana during a suspension of publication, the last entirely GRAUSTARK game to come to a win was 1966Q, won in "Fall 1915" by Mike Mitas as Russia. (See GRAUSTARK #129, 20 May 1967.)

1968CH

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"Spring 1903"

FRENCH STRIKE BACK AT GERMAN INVADERS

ENGLAND (Linden): F Norwegian Sea-North Sea; F Den-Hel; F Hel S F Den-Hel; A Norway-Den; F Ska C A Norway-Den; A Lon holds.

FRANCE (Berman): F Bre-Mid; F Spa(s.c.) S F Bre-Mid; F North Africa-Tun; A Par-Bur; A Mar S F Par-Bur.

GERMANY (D. Johnston): F Hel-North Sea; A Ruh-Hel; A Bur-Par.

ITALY (White): A Apu-Ven; F Wes-Tun; F Tyr S F Wes-Tun; A Pic-Tyr.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Kuch): A Gal holds; A Bud-Ser; A Tri-Alb; A Rum S A Bul; F Gre S A Bul; A Bul S A Rum.

RUSSIA (C. Johnson): A Mos-Sev; R Swe, A St.P., & A War hold.

TURKEY (McLeod): F Ion-Gre; F Aeg S F Ion-Gre; A Con-Bul; F Bla S A Con-Bul.

Underlined moves are not possible. The Austro-Hungarian fleet in Greece is annihilated, and the German army in Burgundy must retreat to Picardy, Belgium, Munich, or Gascony. The German player should send the direction of this retreat immediately to the Gamesmaster, who will inform the other players. The deadline for "Fall 1903" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 22 MARCH 1969.

VENICE: The Count of Lombardy has requested military aid to support the Duke of Piedmont from the expected attack from Marseilles. Due to massive French naval operations in the Mediterranean the Italian dukes have withdrawn their support of Germany on the Spanish front, and the French front.

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1968CI

"Winter 1902"

ENGLAND (Crayson): Builds F Lon.

ITALY (Prosnitz): Builds A Ven.

FRANCE (Clark): Builds A Par.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Birsan): Removes F Gre.

GERMANY (Reiter): No move received.

RUSSIA (Bytwerk): Builds A St.P.

Gamesmaster removes F Hel. See p. 7 for stand-by information. The deadline for "Spring 1903" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 22 MARCH 1969.

1968CL

"Winter 1902"

The German move F Kio-Hel was inadvertently not printed in GRAUSTARK #178; all players were informed of it by mail. Following "Fall 1902" moves Germany retreated A Bur-Ruh, leaving Marseilles in French possession.

ENGLAND (Scholz): Builds F Edi.

RUSSIA (Manogg): Builds A Mos.

GERMANY (H. Anderson): Removes A Den.

TURKEY (Beshara): Builds A Ank, A Con, A Smy.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (McLeod): Removes A Ser.

The deadline for "Spring 1903" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 22 MARCH 1969. Press releases appear on p. 10.

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

There have been very few entries in the contest announced in GRAUSTARK #176, asking players to identify assassins by their victims. The contest has been extended to the next issue, that of 22 March. The three most accurate sets of replies will be good for free entry into the next GRAUSTARK game, and the contest winner gets to pick the country he will play. Write for a copy of GRAUSTARK #176 if you do not have one and wish to enter the contest.

THE ADVENTURES OF SECRET AGENT O-O-HATE

Chapter LXVII

As the mocking laugh of Miao Katz echoed in their ears, Secret Agent O-O-Hate and his teen-age assistant Burner tumbled through a trap-door and into the lair of the sinister Fyu Men Kan Chu, the Chinese restaurantour who was the master-mind behind the plot to unionize the espionage profession. They landed in a luxuriant oriental room, on a heap of cushions.

O-O-Hate, whose secret identity is that of Clark Gansel, mild-mannered comic book collector of Bugle, Pennsylvania, took stock of the hide-out. Strange vapors rose from dim lamps and floated around the elaborate hangings. Four huge dacoits with scimitars stood guard in the scented gloom. But at the center of the room was a large mahogany desk, behind which sat a motionless figure in a mandarin's skull-cap and a quilted Chinese robe.

"At last we meet, O-O-Hate!" hissed the Oriental. "I am Fyu Men Kan Chu."

The spy lord was a small, slender man, lost in the folds of his garments. He wore a straggly beard, and held in one hand a pair of chopsticks. As O-O-Hate and Burner watched, he called out, "Number Five Daughter!"

In ran a girl in her teens. "Please to fetch bowl of wor show opp and fried rice," Fyu Men Kan Chu ordered her.

As she left, the sinister Chinese turned to his captives. "Excuse me, honorable guests. But I have an image to keep up. A sinister Oriental must be either tall and menacing, or fat and impassive. The first alternative is denied me, so I must attempt the second, though success eludes me."

"Why didn't either Chinese delegation get to the spies' convention?" O-O-Hate demanded. "And are you the sinister genius behind the plan to regiment us in the bonds of a labor union?"

"The American agent is indeed perceptive," Fyu Men Kan Chu smiled. "Though, alas, he did not perceive trap set by Number Three Daughter upstairs."

"Do you mean to say," Burner asked, "that the evil insidious Chinese-Jewish spy queen Miao Katz is your daughter?"

"Just so. She is the fruit of a romance with a sometime customer of Fyu Men Kan Chu's Only Kosher Chinese Restaurant in Shaker Heights. You see, it is my international chain of restaurants which provides a cover for my activities. No doubt you have eaten many times at Fyu Men Kan Chu's in Washington. It was there, in 1959, that I took my first steps towards my goals, after a group of FBI men shot it out with a group of CIA men, each believing the other to be Communist agents."

"But what do you stand to gain by all this?" O-O-Hate asked.

"For that, you may put the question to my devoted followers, the husbands of Number One Daughter and Number Two Daughter." Fyu Men Kan Chu clapped his hands. From behind the hangings stepped two Chinese - one in an elegant Nationalist uniform and the other in a quilted suit, with a red star on his cap. "O-O-Hate, meet Kash Yank-chek of Taiwan and Eck Ko-mao of Peking!"

((What sinister plan is Fyu Men Kan Chu hatching? Will the sinister forces of World Peace destroy the ancient profession of espionage? See GRAUSTARK #180.))

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

GRAUSTARK #178 was, of course, published on the 237th anniversary of the birth of the leader of the American National Liberation Front - a man who, as you will recall, brought in foreign forces to fight against the lawful government of his country, and raised an "anti-colonial" agitation which has persisted every since. He was responsible for student rioting on the campus of Columbia University, led by a beachman of his named Hamilton. He even rejection a plan to peace and partition, put forward by a ~~not~~ named Arnold who opposed the extremists of both sides. When we add the fact that he wore long hair, led an irregular sex life, and was often heard to use unsavory language, we can more accurately assess the present agitation led by similar people.

A major challenge to the ideals of the Augustan Society is shaping up in Wales this year. Prince Charles is to be formally installed as Prince of Wales on 1 July, and to this end it was considered necessary that he study the language and history of Wales. This concession to the mob has, of course, merely emboldened it. Four students at the University of Aberystwyth have gone on a hunger strike to protest his enrollment there. They actually have the effrontery to believe that Welsh titles should not be handed out by English monarchs. (New York Post, 21 January 1969.)

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Such disrespect to the Augustan Society's favorite institution is, alas, not new. His Imperial Majesty Friedrich III, Always Augustus, King of the Germans, etc., etc. has been evicted from the tomb constructed for him at great expense by the Dutch sculptor Niklas Gerhaert van Leyden. The elaborate tomb in Vienna's St. Stephen's Cathedral was completed some 20 years after the Kaiser's death in 1493, but a recent X-raying showed it to be empty. It now seems that, "in the enthusiasm of seeing Leyden's great masterpiece finished, church officials overlooked putting the body of the king into it." (New York Times, 16 February 1969.)

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But other defunct monarchs are still remembered. On 30 January 1969, on the 320th anniversary of the execution of Charles I, one Reginald Pallavicino placed the following announcement in the obituary column of the New York Times:

"STUART-Charles, King and Martyr, died this day in 1649, in defense of prerogative and true religion. Neither the Lords nor the People is the proper judge of the King."

(The Times provided its own ironic comment by misprinting the date as "1949".)

Translated, this means that the king died in defense of royal absolutism and the right of his co-religionists to persecute dissenters. The Gamesmaster, both a physical and a spiritual descendant of the men who tried and decollated this crowned traitor, responds with his faction's ancient tribute to this memorable day: "Here's to the man in the mask, and here's to the man who'd do it without a mask!"

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Apparently the musical Mata Hari, alias, Ballad for a Firing Squad, has been given up for dead and will not be again revived. This is a pity, in a way. The Washington opening featured Mata Hari stranded on a piece of moving scenery that refused to go on stage. "The French Army, meanwhile, had marched onstage as per instructions; finding no spy, they turned around and marched off again, on again, off again, on again, until the orchestra ran out of music and was reduced to playing the 'Marseillaise' while a group of stagehands...finally managed to shove Mata Hari into view." (Julius Novick, Village Voice, 19 December 1968.)

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Would you believe "Wilson's Rent-a-Soldier"? The British government will put such a plan into effect, to help keep up a large military establishment that no longer has anything to do "East of Suez". "Individuals and companies will be able to hire a soldier for a day, a week, or even a month." No prices were given. Apparently no one considered demobilization as an alternative; after all, civilians usually have some choice over where, and for what, they will work.

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Meanwhile, in Swinging Britain, "an idealist turned incendiary" named Timothy Daly was sent to prison for four years for having set fire to the Imperial War Museum. (New York Times, 23 January 1969.) Daly apparently felt that the anti-war movement should oppose wars that are over and done with, instead of wars presently being fought or planned.

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None of the other players in 1968CH have followed Bill Linden's example and sent in their birth dates, so that astrology can be employed to predict the outcome of the game. (The Yi King and Ouija board have already been brought into the problem.) However, if there is anything to astrology, it should work both ways. If the salient features of a man's character can be inferred from his natal sign, then his natal sign should be discoverable from other information about him. Linden has identified himself as a Sagittarius. Your Gamesmaster, believe it or not, is a Virgin.

Now how would the other players work out:

Donald Berman must be a Gemini. "Berman", after all, means "Bear-Man", and the Greater and Lesser Bears are astrological decans of Gemini. There are two Bears, Gemini itself is double, and Don's wife is also a Diplomacy player. Finally, Gemini is ruled by Mercury, patron of the sciences, and Don is a graduate student in physics. Q. E. D.

David Johnston does mysterious things with computers. The ice-cold intellect and sense of balance required for computer work obviously makes him a Libra. Also, computer workers do most of their work sitting down, and Libra governs the buttocks.

Jerry White is also a Libra, but for a different reason. The color white obviously appertains to Venus, as red does to Mars and gold to the Sun, and Venus rules Libra. He lives in the Far West, and Venus appears in the west as an evening star. Venus also rules Taurus, and the Sun is supposed to rule Leo. But if the Sun is in Leo, then Venus must be in Libra in order to be an evening star. Finally, in the draw the stars assigned Italy to Jerry, and since ancient times Libra has been regarded as the guardian of the city and empire of Rome.

Terry Kuch is also a computer technologist, but of a less serious vein than Johnston, as all Thuleandra readers know. "Thuleandra", in fact, is the word used for the Earth in C. S. Lewis's series, so Kuch must be born under an Earth sign. Yet the Eagle, the ancient emblem of the empire Terry is playing, is a decans of Sagittarius. Terry, therefore, must have been born under the Earth-sign Capricornus, but very near to Sagittarius - what the astrologers call, I believe, a "cusp".

Charles Johnson comes from the Cornhusker State; the only sign of the Zodiac represented as carrying an ear of grain is Virgo. If further evidence is needed, he lives at the Y. M. C. A.

Norman McLeod, as can be seen from the title of his zine Dunvegan, is proudly conscious of his Scots heritage. Lewis Isle, ancestral home of the McLeods, is famous for its sheep and tweeds. By a rigorous demonstration of astrological logic, Norman is therefore an Aries. Furthermore, Aries is governed by Mars, and Norman defends present American military policy. (Some modern astrologers regard Mars as having been/victed from control of Aries by Pluto - but then, that just shows what modern war leads to.)

The correct answers to the quiz in GRAUSTARK #175 are:

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| 1. Margaret Corbin - Molly Pitcher | 6. Claudia Taylor Johnson - Ladybird Johnson |
| 2. Armandine Dudevant - George Sand | 7. Edward Judson - Ned Buntline |
| 3. Mary Ann Evans - George Eliot | 8. Cornelius McGillicuddy - Connie Mack |
| 4. Willy Frahm - Willy Brandt | 9. Sholem Rabinowitz - Sholem Aleichem |
| 5. David Green - David Ben-Gurion | 10. Willard H. Wright - S. S. Van Dine |

John McCallum observes that Armandine Dudevant was "George Sand's" married name; she was born Aurere Dupin. Donald Berman observes that Sholem Aleichem was originally Solomon Rabinowitz. A couple of entrants gave Brandt's original name as "Karl Frahm". The contest was won by Bruce Gletty, who gets a free entry in the next new GRAUSTARK game.

No one responded to the questions raised in GRAUSTARK #171 about presidential inaugurations. Prior to Nixon's inauguration, the last inauguration at which the President and Chief Justice came from the same state was in 1944, when Harlan Fiske Stone swore in his fellow New Yorker, Franklin D. Roosevelt.

The greatest number of ex-Presidents living at one time was five - from the time of Abraham Lincoln's inauguration until the death of Martin van Buren the following year. They were van Buren, John Tyler, Millard Fillmore, Franklin Pierce, and James Buchanan.

Donald Berman announces the organization of a new telephone Diplomacy game. Play will begin as soon as he receives 7 entries, first come first served. The entry fee is \$3. All players will receive notification as soon as possible. Don's address is 178 Ocean Parkway, Brooklyn, N. Y. 11218; his phone number is 212-435-1846. Moves will be published in GRAUSTARK.

1967U

"Fall 1919"

RUSSIANS WIN BALTIC BATTLE AGAINST ITALIANS

GERMANY (M. Miller): A St.P-Mos; A Pru S ITALIAN A Liv-War; A Sil-Boh; A Mun S A Sil-Boh; F Hol-Bel; A Bur & A Ruh S F Hol-Bel; F Bal-Bot; A Kie holds.

ITALY (Clark): A Liv-War; F Pic-Bre; A Ven-Tyr; A Pie S A Ven-Tyr; A Tus-Ven; F Adr-Tri; F Apu-Ion; F Nap, F Tyr, & F Tun S F Apu-Ion.

RUSSIA (G. Heap): A Bel-Ruh; A Mos-Liv; A War s A Mos-Liv; A Sev-Mos.

TURKEY (Beshara): A Tyr-Boh; A Gal S A Tyr-Boh; A Tri-Tyr; A Vie S A Tri-Tyr; A Ser-Tri; F Alb S A Ser-Tri; F Ion holds; F Aeg & F Eas S F Ion; A Ukr S RUSSIAN A War.

Underlined moves are not possible. Russia retreats A Bel-Pic, Turkey retreats F Ion-Gre, and the Italian army in Livonia is annihilated. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

GERMANY: Bel, Ber, Den, Edi, Hol, Kie, Mar, Mun, Par, St.P, Swe. (11)

ITALY: Bre, Liv, Lon, Nap, Nor, Par, Spa, Rom, Tun, Ven. (10)

RUSSIA: Mos, Sev, War. (3)

TURKEY: Ank, Bud, Bul, Con, Gre, Rum, Ser, Smy, Tri, Vie. (10)

Germany and Italy may each build one new unit, and Russia must remove one. The deadline for "Winter 1919" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 22 MARCH 1969. However, if they all come in before then, they will be reported to the players and a deadline for "Spring 1920" moves will be set.

1968G

"Fall 1909"

TURKS IN TURMOIL; RUSSIANS IN VIENNA

ENGLAND (Walker): F Wal-Liv; A Gas-Bre; F Edi-Yor; F Norwegian Sea-Edi.

FRANCE (Gemignani): A Bre holds; A Bur-Gas.

RUSSIA (Prosnitz): A St.P, A Bel, A Liverpool, & A Sev hold; A Ukr S A Sev; A Den-Kie; A Hol S A Den-Kie; F Ska-Den; F North Sea S F Ska-Den; A Tyr-Vie; A Boh S A Tyr-Vie; A Ser-Tri; A Rum-Bud; F Norway-North Sea.

TURKEY (Lebling): Following "Spring 1909" moves Turkey retreated A Ser-Tri. No "Fall 1909" moves were received. F North Atlantic, F Hel, F Eng, F Mar, A Bud, F Adr, A Tri, F Bla, A Bul, F Gre, A Con, & A Arm hold. A Vie dislodged and annihilated.

Underlined moves are not possible. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Edi, Lon, Por. (3)

FRANCE: Bre, Par. (2)

RUSSIA: Bel, Ber, Den, Hol, Kie, Liv, Mos, Mun, Nor, Rum, Ser, Sev, Swe, War, St.P, Vie. (16)

TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Con, Gre, Mar, Nap, Rom, Smy, Spa, Tri, Tun, Ven, Bud. (13)

Russia may build two new units, and Turkey may build one. England must remove one. The deadline for these "Winter 1909" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 22 MARCH 1969.

CALLING ALL STAND-BYS

Dick Reiter, playing Germany from Germany in 1968CI, missed a "Winter 1902" removal. The Gamesmaster therefore calls upon the game's first stand-by, David R. Lindsay, to submit "Spring 1903" moves for Germany.

Lindsay is also first stand-by in 1968G, for which Dave Lebling has missed "Fall 1909" moves as Turkey. Three people have expressed an interest in this game - Lindsay and Jim Sanders, the second stand-by, and John Beshara. The Gamesmaster will therefore call for the "Winter 1909" Turkish build from all four people, because he knows nothing about Lindsay's reliability and rather too much about Sanders'. The build will be accepted from the first person in the priority order Lebling-Lindsay-Sanders-Beshara to reply.

Stand-bys' addresses are:

David R. Lindsay, 2245 Fairmont Parkway, Erie, Penn. 16510

James Sanders, Room 516, 611 W. 112th St., New York, N. Y. 10025

John Beshara, Apt. 1021, 155 W. 68th St., New York, N. Y. 10023

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

Compleatists are warned that some of the older back issues of GRAUSTARK are going fast. Still available, though, are 48, 50, 51, 58, 66, 67, 71, 72, 75-83, 85-91, 93, 94, 101-178. Back issues are 10¢ each, or 15 for \$1.00. And, of course, subscriptions are 10 issues for \$1.00.

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Present and former players in 1968J should check the list in GRAUSTARK #176, p. 7, to see when their subscriptions end.

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Harry Manegg's telephone number is 815-932-0024. Calls should be made only on late evenings, Sundays included.

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Brenton Ver Ploeg writes from Vietnam that he saw a little action during a Vietnamese attack on Cuchi. He also reports that an American soldier there collects gold teeth from the mouths of dead Vietnamese. Now where have we heard reports like that before?

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David Lindsay is no longer offering free entry into his new postal Diplomacy games. Write him (address above) for details.

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Hostigos, a variant postal Diplomacy 'zine, is published by Michael Childers, P. O. Box 316, San Marcos, Texas 78666. Like many other Diplomacy bulletins, this one is named after a fictional country - H. Beam Piper's "alternate Pennsylvania" in Lord Kalvan of Otherwhen, the last of his "paratime" series.

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Would you science-fiction fans know whether Paxton Quigley lives in a randy garrett?

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Bill Linden and Patrick Condray have accused your Gamesmaster of wanting to overthrow the U. S. government. So far is he from such thoughts that GRAUSTARK will not receive or acknowledge letters with a stamp honoring the last such group to try it - the American Legion. (For details see Albert Kahn's account of the 1934 Legion plot to overthrow President Roosevelt and replace him with a military dictator, in his book High Treason. See also the New York Times coverage of the investigation conducted by the McCormick-Dickstein Committee in 1934 and 1935.)

1968G - PRESS RELEASES

PHUTRA, PO LUTIDAR: Scientists of the Mahars, the technologically most advanced race of Pollutidar, are currently studying an apparent weapon used by the forces of the Outer Crusters whose noisy war has been disturbing the sleep of the inhabitants of Pollutidar for almost 3,000 sleeps. (An exact measurement of this period is difficult, because counting sleeps is the only way of measuring time in the eternal sunlight cast on the Inner Crust by its central sun.)

In the course of the war against the Outer Crust's peoples, Pollutidarean forces have invaded through both polar openings. They are now completely in control of the South Pacific island of Caporia, or Caspak, whose fauna indicates that it was originally populated by migrants from Pollutidar. Pollutidareans also occupy Spitzbergen, Luxembourg, parts of France, the Zauner Konditorei in Bad Ischl, Austria, and a prisoner-of-war camp in Bulgaria where 30,000 Russian sailors are in the custody of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Food Procurement.

The first Outer Crust counter-attack seems to have been an absurdly small projectile which was dropped through the North Polar opening. Since there is a gravitational null-potential across that opening, the projectile simply remained suspended in mid-air until Fleet Admiral Bobo Rygnus sent a ship for it.

The projectile is currently under study by Mahar and other scientists from the Abner Peery Research Institute. Despite discussions which were heard on the Outer Crust, and which resulted in the violent deaths of 8 Mahars, 6 cave men, and 3 Coriplies, there is no agreement on its purpose. However, some practical use for its contents was found by Krak the Potted One, potted of the Sarian tribe of cave men. He has discovered that the metal in the projectile makes a beautiful yellow glaze.

POLLUTIDAREAN ARMY OF OCCUPATION, CASPAK: Extraordinary volcanic activity has taken place in northern Caspak, giving rise to rumors that lava was flowing out of Pollutidar. Nein, King of Anaroc, commander of Pollutidarean troops, denied this story. "In my opinion," he said, "these torrid outpourings are due to the pacifistic propaganda of the Happies who infest Phutra. Their anti-war views have corrupted even the Mahars, once the most warlike of Pollutidar's races. A huge flight of Mahars is now shackled up with the winged-men of northern Caspak. This is all their fault."

The Mezop admiral's pessimistic analysis was confirmed by a Mahar named Ab-Hof-Man, who flew back and forth ten feet above his head, insolently burning a priceless old gilak-hide Mahar war flag.

1968CH - PRESS RELEASES

• LONDON (24 September 1902): Prime Minister Holmes has fired Secretary of State for Defense Lloyd George. Whereas he was supposed to send A Edi-Den and F Norwegian Sea-Norway, he sent A Edi-Norway and F Norwegian Sea-North Sea, breaking our agreement with Russia and jeopardizing the German campaign.

GASTRITIS (25 Sept. 1902, Reuters): Victory, victory! A brilliant campaign has annexed Poderkagg to the Ninefold Kingdom. Leaving a small suicide squadron to decoy the Poderkaggian army into Hernia, the 25th Field Army sneaked through Montenegro and seized the entire country of Poderkagg in the absence of its armed forces. Success is largely attributed to Merlin the Great, who rendered Novi Sodom invisible and undetectable until resistance had ceased.

NOVI SODOM (4 Oct. 1902, Reuters): Enraged at hearing that the Patriarch of the PAAAAAPKCPMBSIHCLDSSDA had confounded their beloved King Charles with the Hanoverian pretender Edward Wettin, British soldiers razed the city to the ground and destroyed every vestige of human habitation. The sight ((sic)) of Novi Sodom is now occupied only by a howling desert.

LONDON (5 Oct. 1902): When asked for comment on the Austrian assertion that Hernia has no seacoast, First Lord of the Admiralty Ahab Marsh replied, "Now it does."

ROME (11 Nov. 1902, Reuters): In his infinite wisdom, Pope Hadrian VII excommunicated the governments of the United States of America and the Free State of Trininsula for (a) contributing to the cause of Anti-Semitism, (b) perpetrating the most

miserable attempt at satire since the Gilliland Incident. His Holiness was baffled by reported "discrimination against pigs" in the Ottoman Empire. "Of course, it may be," he said, "that Ottoman pigs want to be eaten." He laid an interdict upon all of the USA not occupied by British forces.

LONDON (12 Nov. 1902): The Archbishop of Canterbury finally deigned to answer charges of not recognizing the supremacy of St. Wapniac! Hew-Thud. "There was simply no such person. The Pederkaggians have confounded St. Wapniac! with his later imitator, St. Dapiac! Hew-Thud. Why we should accept the 'supremacy' of these two corpses I cannot imagine."

TOPEKA (18 Nov. 1902, Reuters): The long-delayed invasion of the United States has resumed with astounding success. Delay was because the 29th Field Army was unable to tear itself away from Florida, where it basked and feasted upon oranges. Now it has smashed resistance in Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, South Carolina, and Tennessee. The Canadian Army has annexed most of New England, with Ohio, Michigan, Minnesota, and Illinois. Fortress Rantoul was reduced with the new improved PPP Pacifier, with a subsonic broadcast of 15 hours of sermons by Friar Lawrence of San Diego, 29 hours of invective by Dr. John Boredom, 18 hours of invective by Charles Reinsel, seasoned liberally with propaganda of Semi-brains for a Demented Society. The entire population of Illinois went to sleep at once.

In the west, British armies operating in conjunction with Mexican forces have swept to the Mississippi.

Governor-General Bulmer cast ridicule upon the "miraculous orange" story disseminated from Rantoul. "Surely 5,000,000,000,000 tons of orange would have been enough to destroy Illinois."

BROOKLYN (24 Nov. 1902, Reuters): The Sinister International Bill Linden, Architect of the Reactionaries and Number One Red-baiter of Kew Gardens, arrived in town today, shouting, "Yet forty days more, and Brooklyn shall be destroyed, and the hand of the LORD shall smite those who know not the Potato!" He was chuckling with glee at the success of his latest fiendish plan. "True, TTT Publications refused to fall in, but United Rabble-Rousing Press will collapse from overwork!"

WASHINGTON (15 Dec. 1902, URRP): President Pigasus J. Pig repeated his attack on the Ottoman Empire for its discrimination against his fellow-pigs. "If pigs are good enough to run the United States, then they're good enough for the Turks, too!" he said to the members of the House of Reprehensibles. "Of course we are aware that Turks don't eat pigs; they consider us unclean. If they refuse to eat pigs because they are too holy, as the Hindus regard cows, we will of course change our policy. But the United States will have no dealings with the Turks until they allow pigs on the Ottoman!"

President Pig announced also that he would move to block the criticism that his regime is undemocratic. A debate was arranged for Constistytion Hall between Mark Rude of Collosia University, representing Students for a Democratic Society, and Bill Linden of Few Gardens, N. Y., representing Students against a Democratic Society.

PARIS: Will the Germans attack Marseilles and leave their homeland defenseless? Or will they desert their Italian allies? In either case Italy is doomed, proving once again Italy should not attack France!!!

NEW YORK (28 Dec. 1902, Echen Press): Today tragedy struck Triinsula as Brooklyn was totally demolished by a rain of 50-Megaton potatoes. Since it was known that Brooklyn was the seat of the Sinister Monolithic International Warmongers' Conspiracy controlling the United States government, it is expected that this will hasten the collapse of the USA.

Jeremiah Sant, wanted for conspiracy to murder our beloved Pope Hadrian ("Execute", he calls it) has escaped the disaster.

NEW ORLEANS (19 Jan. 1903): This great port was occupied by the Ninefold Kingdom today after the destruction of the last remnants of the United States Navy. As the pitiful squadron steamed out to meet the British it was obvious that they placed their hope in the new flagship, the U. S. S. Garrison. Garrison was launched - and sank immediately upon leaving the harbor. It has come to light that Garrison was powered by hot air.

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ROME: An air of suspense has hung over the College of Cardinals for three weeks now. Since the death of Unpius XXIV, the College has been perplexed as to who to choose.

The leading candidates are Cardinal Ward of Franco, Cardinal von Anderson of Germany, and from Italy, the traditional Cardinal Urgenino, the conservative leader of the Curia. The American Bishops have given the Italian candidate a nick-name of "pillpusher". This name is said to be pregnant with meaning. This is

Due to the tense political situation, one other candidate has arisen as a compromise, and this is a poor parish priest from the small town of Conber in Northern Ireland. This mild-mannered holy priest has gained some fame in Rome by walking around pushing a Green Wheelbarrow filled with blocks of sod from his parish. Questioned about this, Father Conber stated that "I want to make up for some of the sins committed by carrying around a 'little bit of heaven'."

Cardinal Urgenino, leading contender due to the habit of the previous Unpius's nominating their sons as Cardinals, stated that the deadlock can only be broken by pleading for God to make the decision. The Patriarch of Constantinople immediately sent a prayer to abin Beshara (son of God) for guidance. A reply is expected soon.

SULTANABAD, NORTH TURKEY: The arrival of the Turkish Navy here, replacing Turkish Army occupation forces, was hailed by the populace. "Sailers take baths," one citizen stated when questioned by our reporter. "Sure, they have the same atrocious habits as all the other Turks, but most of the time they practice them upon each other." "They had to come here," was another comment. "You didn't expect them to sail into the Mediterranean where they might actually have to fight, did you?"

KRACKOW, GALICIA: German-speaking citizens of this Austrian (?) crownland have been seen burning and desecrating portraits of the Austrian Emperor and the Austrian black and gold Imperial Colors. The new Austrian officers who have remained as advisers to the Turkish Army have been spat upon, or worse, in the streets. The kindest thing heard concerning the Austrian Emperor is that he must be senile and donated to allow Turkish forces into any portion of the Austrian lands. It is rumored that a joint Polish-Austrian army is to be formed to resist the occupation, with arms and assistance coming from both Berlin and Warsaw.

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